TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

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Thursday, the 5th August 1926/21st Karkatakam, 1101.

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, at eleven thirty-five of the clock, M. E. Watts Esquire, B. A., Barrister-at-Law, presiding. All except the following members were present:—Mr, Tariatu Kunjitomman, Mr. K. C. Mammen Mappillai, Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai, Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai, Mr. M. Subrahmanya Pillai and Mr. S. Subrahmanya Karayalar.

PRESIDENT: During the last session of the Council a point of order was raised as to whether the report of a committee appointed by Government, which was not published or placed on the table of the House, can be cited in debates of the House. I promised to examine the matter and to give a ruling. I had the matter examined with reference to our Rules and Standing Orders and the Parliamentary practice obtaining in Great Britain and British India. This is my ruling.

"No document shall, as a rule, be cited in debate unless it has been, or is being, placed on the table of the House, or otherwise made available to members. But this ruie shall not apply to private documents or to public documents which the Government claim to be confidential or otherwise privileged."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Hindrances to the larger Production of Salt.

21. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state the causes which hinder the larger production of salt in the Travancore salt factories and which were said to have been known to the Government as stated in their answer to question No. 95 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 24th Makaram 1100?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The following are the chief causes:—

(i) the natural defect in the source of the brine supply, as it is not an arm of the sea at Tamaracolam but an estuary;

(ii) the percolation of fresh water in the factories due to the extension of Kodayar irrigation which affects the quality of the brine used in the manufacture;

(iii) the periods of rainfall which have divided the manufacturing season into two, necessitating interruption of the manufacture; and

(iv) recently, the occurrence of floods and cyclones.

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MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : താമരക്കുളം അളത്തിൽ നല്ല ബ്രയിൻ കിട്ടാതെ ആയത് എപ്പോഴം മുതൽക്കാണ്?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): തുല്യമായിട്ട പറയാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ആദ്യം നല്ല ബ്രയിൻ കിട്ടിക്കൊണ്ടിരുന്നോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : ഇല്ലെന്നതന്നെയാണ് പറയേണ്ടത്. ആരംഭം മുതൽക്കേ ഈ സ്ഥിതിതന്നെയാണ്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ശുദ്ധജലത്തിന്റെ ഉപദ്രവത്തെ തടുക്കാൻ ഗവർണ്മെൻറ് എന്താണ് ചെയ്തിട്ടള്ളത് ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I request a ruling from the Chair as to whether all this arises out of the original question which is about 'hindrances to the larger production of salt'.

PRESIDENT : I think you may answer the question if you have the information.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : ഇത് അന്വേഷിച്ച പറയേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിനു മുമ്പ് ൻ 8-ാമത്തെ ചോദ്യത്തിനു നൽകീട്ടള്ള മറുപടിയിൽ ഗവർണ്മെൻറിന് അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അറിയാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടള്ളതുകൊണ്ടാണു ചോദിക്കുന്നത്.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : അതിലേക്കുള്ള കാരണത്തെപ്പറ്റിയാണ് അറിയാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടള്ളത്. ആ കാരണങ്ങളം മറുപടിയിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : ഈ കാരണങ്ങളെ പരിഹരിക്കാൻ ഗവർണ്മെൻറ് എന്തുചെയ്തു?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

Officers working in Salt Factories.

22. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : (*a*) Has it come to the notice of the Government that the retention of officers and subordinates in the salt factories for more than two years is detrimental to their health ?

(*b*) Has any time-limit been fixed for the officers and subordinates of the salt factories as to their period of work there, and if so, what ?

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